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FROM:

Kris Morris

SUBJECT: Marshall Islands Program

Troy Wade told me that the Marshall Islands action memorandum has been signed by Roser and is "on the way up." I mentioned to Troy that in order to get the memorandum out of OMA, I negotiated a compromise with Katz and Bill Lamb to address the location of the program within DP in a follow-on decision paper. Troy said the only issue is whether the program should be in PS or SEEA and that the Marshall Islands Program will be in OMA. He promised to discuss this with General Hoover and said it is not necessary to write a decision paper.

I recommend that the program be placed in PS. This program will not take additional staff to support, however, Roser does plan to ask for one position/slot/body. The bulk of the work is done in NV and the Pacific Area Office. Liaison with Departments of State and Interior is handled through the Senior Interdepartmental Group (SIG). Roger Ray represents the Under Secretary in this group with other liaison work provided by CP. The SIG's function is to develop the United States' position prior to negotiating a free association status with the Marshall Islands' government later this year.

The Marshall Islands program is similar to the Community Assistance with regard to program management. DP's decentralized approach is the best. I have no doubt, however, that Congress will view this acquisition with the same jaundiced eye towards Community Assistance. We are the "parent program" for the Marshall Islands dilemma, and we do provide the Safeguard C support in the Pacific that the Marshall Islands program does utilize to facilitate the geographical logistics. Another advantage is that several people within OMA are familiar enough with the program that "learning curve" time is nonexistent. (Especially from the point of view that no travel to the Pacific is necessary since several of us are already familiar with it.)

So in conclusion, I think the program would be best served in PS rather than SEEA.

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